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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/991,869	BREDOW ET AL.
	Examiner Edwin C. Holloway, III	Art Unit 2635

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 February 2002.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 15 March 2002.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

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EXAMINER'S RESPONSE

1. In response to the application filed 25 November 2001, the application has been examined. The examiner has considered the presentation of claims in view of the disclosure and the present state of the prior art. And it is the examiner's opinion that the claims are unpatentable for the reasons set forth in this Office action:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 & 103

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to

point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bachhuber (US 5517189). Regarding claim 1, Bachhuber discloses a method for operating a radio remote control system with transmitting unit (S) and receiving unit (E) where following termination of radio connection, at least one transmitting or receiving parameter is modified so that new connection is only possible if distance between the units does not exceed a threshold and following establishment of new radio contact with the modified parameter, the parameter is reset to the standard value. For example, a standard value is used for locking doors, followed by low value for unlocking doors, followed by return to standard value for locking doors. See the abstract, col. 5 lines 21-46 and col. 13 lines 32-57. Further, low sensitivity for initialization or reinitialization is discussed in col. 1 lines 25-29. Regarding claim 2, the sequence of measuring pulses in col. 3 lines 57-62 corresponds to a test bit sequence. Regarding claim 3, adjusting transmitter out or receiver sensitivity is disclosed in at least the abstract and col. 13 lines 32-57. Regarding claim 4, transmitter power is adjusted in col. 13 lines 46-57

corresponding to amplification of amplifier stage.

6. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bachhuber (US 5517189) as applied above in combination with Lindmayer (US 5355525). Regarding claim 5, Lindmayer discloses adjusting attenuation by use of bias resistor in col. 4 lines 23-32. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included the attenuation of Lindmayer in the method of Bachhuber as an obvious alternative manner to adjust transmitter power to reduce output power and range for vehicle lock control. Regarding claim 6, Bachhuber discloses modifying a parameter if signal is below a threshold in col. 8 line 20 - col. 9 line 55.

7. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bachhuber (US 5517189) and Lindmayer (US 5355525) as applied above in combination with Boschini (US 5600323). Plural thresholds would have been obvious in view of Boschini disclosing this in order to allow more than two zones for vehicle control. See col. 4 lines 23-36.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is

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considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Iida (US 5420568) and Lin (US 6472999) discloses vehicle remote control methods with range thresholds. Tozawa (US 5198800) discloses an alarm system for construction machine multiple ranges sensing. Bonner (US 3774217) discloses a radio control for mobile aerial platform with error detection. Nicola (US 3263141) discloses radio control crane with signal strength detection. Burchard (AU 9719216) is an English language equivalent of DE 19600791 cited by applicant.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edwin C. Holloway, III whose telephone number is (571) 272-3058. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00). If

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attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful,
the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik can be reached on
(571) 272-3068.

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